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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Appl. No. 09/739,752; Filed: December 20, 2000  
For: **System and Method for One-Time Programmed Memory  
Through Direct-Tunneling Oxide Breakdown**  
Inventors: Chen *et al.*  
Our Ref: 1875.0220000/DJF/LMY

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111; and
2. One (1) return postcard.

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Respectfully submitted,

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